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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY
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OF THE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN CLOSER TIES WITH
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4. HABIB REPLIED THAT USG AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, WHILE NOT WITHDRAWN, COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED AT PRESENT EITHER TO SUPPLY ARMS OR TO ISSUE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION. WHEN USG DECISION WAS MADE, WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE IMMINENT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN OGADEN. OUR FUTURE ACTIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES. RE SOVIET MEDIATION,
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